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## National News at a glance

**INKATHA & RIGHT-WING WHITES THREATEN SOUTH AFRICAN VOTE:** The Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party recently joined with the racist Afrikaner Volkfront in announcing it would boycott upcoming elections, which are expected to produce South Africa's first black president. The Volkfront opposes the elections because of its strong opposition to black majority rule. But conservative Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi objects to the likelihood that African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela will become South Africa's first black president — a position to which he has been looking forward. Whether Buthelezi can convince most Zulu tribe members to boycott the elections is in doubt. But, the alliance of the conservative Inkatha party with racist whites presages violence prior to and after the elections which are scheduled for April 27, 1994. Regardless, the elections are expected to take place since between them Inkatha and the Volkfront account for no more than 20 percent of the total population. — JOHANNESBURG, S AFRICA

**EVERS VERDICT GIVES HOPE TO ENDING OTHER RACE MURDERS:** The recent conviction of a white supremacist in the 30-year-old murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, has raised hopes that similar unsolved racist murders from the turbulent 1960's will also be resolved. Judge Darrin Beasley, a federal civil rights judge in Memphis, Tennessee, said: "There can be no refuge in space or time" for those who killed Civil Rights activists during the 1950's and 1960's. The assassination of Evers in 1963 was the first killing of a Civil Rights leader. But there are numerous other unsolved cases. Among them are the 1955 bombing and shooting death of 14-year-old Emmett Till because he whistled at a white woman in Money, Mississippi and the murders of three Civil Rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi in 1964. Eighteen defendants served less than six years in prison on federal conspiracy charges for those killings. But Mississippi never brought murder charges. — JACKSON MS

**DRUG USE LOWEST AMONG BLACK TEENAGERS:** The annual survey of drug use among the nation's teenagers from the University of Michigan shows that after dropping for 10 years, cigarette smoking and drug use are on the rise again. But the survey found that drug use is lowest among black high school and eighth grade students. The report also found that the nation's anti-gang-drug is discriminatory, since an estimated 70 percent of drug users are white but nearly 70 percent of those arrested are black. Meanwhile, according to the survey, the legal drug of

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PHILADELPHIA—Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI) in an exclusive and wide-ranging interview with the Philadelphia Inquirer, this week spoke out on Jewish efforts to "defame" him. Black leaders who bow to external forces, and "the wicked, racist, bigoted behavior" of those who are trying to prevent his scheduled appearance on the Arsenio Hall Show.

During the telephone interview from his Chicago office, which lasted more than an hour, Farrakhan said that the recent flurry of

condemnation and negative news coverage of the Nation of Islam are part of the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) campaign to damage his credibility and that of the Nation of Islam.

The ADL has repeatedly stated that Farrakhan is hateful, bigoted and anti-Semitic. Farrakhan, in his first extensive interview with any newspaper in nearly a year, said pressure from Jewish groups is being exerted to block his scheduled Feb. 25 appearance on the Arsenio Hall Show as part of a Black History Month observance.

Farrakhan said that Arsenio Hall is receiving "a tremendous amount of pressure" to cancel his appearance.

"I think that this is manifest wicked, racist, bigoted behavior at its worst. Right now on my desk I have invitations from Mike Wallace, Phil Donahue, Ted Koppel, Tom Brokaw, Connie Chung, Forest Sawyer, and others to appear on their television show anytime I desire."

"And if I were to accept any one of these (invitations), no member of the ADL (or member of the Jewish community) would dare

tell these whites that they couldn't have me on the show. They live by terrifying Black in position(s) of authority and power, so we would be so frightened of losing the position that they feel they have given us that we would do their bidding."

Farrakhan, 61, said that so far "Arsenio Hall is standing strongly." He added that the entire Black community should rise up and send Arsenio Hall letters of support telling him that "we stand behind his fight to

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## Farrakhan addresses controversy



CAPTION (LR) Gail Thompson, chairperson of the Board, NESF; Lorna Johnson, chairperson of the Board, Woodson Foundation; Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, honorary co-chair On-Stage in New Jersey; Gene Wesley, executive director, Woodson Foundation; Sharpe James, honorary co-chair On-Stage in New Jersey; and Bonnie Perry, executive director, NESF.

## Seventh season of Onstage benefits Newark Emergency Services

NEWARK—Mayors Sharpe James, Cardell Cooper and Michael Steele recently joined The Carter G. Woodson Foundation, to announce the seventh season of the On-Stage in Newark Emergency Services arts series.

This year's series entitled "Dimensions: Shared Cultures of African Descendants" is a testament to the African spirit that survived the Atlantic crossing and took root in the soil of America and the Caribbean, forever influencing our music and dance.

Since 1988, On-Stage in Newark has presented celebrated African-American artists throughout the state, and provides local artists opportunities to showcase their talent. Mayor James, a long time advocate for

urban performing arts, applauded the work of On-Stage saying, "The Woodson Foundation continues to develop informative, inspirational African-roots programs. This year's series is a cultural learning experience everyone should have."

Featured in the 1994 schedule are: Ladymoth Black Mambo, Sweet Honey In The Rock, celebrating twenty years together. Forces of Nature, Sandra Reaves in The Late Great Ladies of Jazz and Blues, Hugh Masekela, and Odadoras! Performances will take place in six major New Jersey municipalities—Newark, East Orange, Irvington, Englewood, Montclair, and Rahway.

The series will host a series of free events, which include: The Pan Jersey Steel Orchestra, Sister Sadiq and the Famous Bubbles, and Metamorphosis: An Anthology of Poetry from Newark Public School Students.

NEWARK—"The 3 R's has now become the 4 R's: readin', ritin', rithmetic and RISK," according to N.J. State Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-28th), referring to the growing occurrence of violence in schools. According to a 1994 N.J. Dept. of Education Violence and Vandalism Prevention Task Force Report, nearly three million crimes occur on or near school property each year, while 135,000 guns are brought into schools everyday. To help combat this problem, the Senator has developed legislation which would "provide alternative educational environments for students who commit violent acts on school grounds."

Rice, also a Newark Councilman (West Ward), says that violence in schools has gotten to be "pervasive and out of hand. Therefore, "he states, "it has a direct and negative effect on the learning process in all school settings...from urban public to the most exclusive suburban private school."

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## Plainfield school officials seek energy department funding

PLAINFIELD—When representatives from the Plainfield Public Schools traveled to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, February 1, their goal was to negotiate jobs for Plainfield high school graduates. The group met with the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to outline a comprehensive education program in the school district that would result in Plainfield High School students qualifying for jobs in the growing energy field.

According to Debbie Myers, president of the Plainfield Board of Education, "the two agencies were extremely supportive of our program, the school district may very well visit the Plainfield school district on March 15 as a first step in qualifying for financial assistance. The EPA is also working with us in identifying and securing funding for the program. The Plainfield group was headed by Ms. Myers; board member Veronica DeNoia and acting superintendent of schools, Dr. Ronald Frye.

In addition to consideration for financial assistance, the Department of Energy offered to train teachers in the district, opened the door for teachers to participate in a summer internship program run by the Department and link the school district to energy-related research centers at Princeton and Trenton.

The education program discussed in Washington, D.C. is a three-pronged proposal, which would lead to a graduate certificate upon high school graduation, prepare a student for technical training at a two-year college and would allow the student to attend a

four-year college. The program will involve education in such areas as recycling, conservation, hazardous waste disposal, pollution, ecology and other related issues.

Dr. Frye stated that the program is designed for kindergarten through twelfth grade. "It includes environmental clean up as well as

an energy education awareness program that will develop skills and understanding needed to prepare students for jobs.

The group also met with Senator Frank Lautenberg's aides to outline their activities and vision for bringing energy related jobs to the state.



From left: Dr. Ronald Frye, acting superintendent of schools; Mr. Richard Stephens, director of University and Science Education Programs, Department of Energy; and Ms. Debbie Myers, president of the Plainfield Board of Education.

## Reebok announces plans to return to South Africa

Company's re-entry to encompass local ownership, training and community support

STOUGHTON, MA.—In response to Nelson Mandela's appeal for foreign companies and investors to return to South Africa, Reebok International Ltd. announced today its decision to re-enter the country in March 1994 and to establish what it hopes will be a model program for companies doing business in the post-apartheid era.

A major supporter of the human rights movement worldwide, Reebok left South Africa at the request of anti-apartheid activists in 1987 and encouraged other members of the sporting goods industry to get out and stay out until apartheid was effectively dismantled. "Mr. Mandela has asked for our

support, he has reviewed our plan and described it as being consistent with his vision for a new South Africa," said John Duerden, Executive Vice President, Global Operations, Reebok International Ltd. "Our decision to re-enter South Africa prior to the April elections indicates our support of the democratic process and our desire to make a difference in the lives of the South African majority."

In a recent interview, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a strong supporter of Reebok's re-entry into his country, asks that Americans "please listen to the

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## Kwame Ture to speak at Plainfield public library

PLAINFIELD—World renowned political activist, Kwame Ture will be the speaker at the next Langston Hughes Lecture Series presentation at the Plainfield Public Library on Wednesday, March 1, 1994, February 27, from 2-4 p.m. Ture has more than two decades of political experience in the Civil Rights, Black Power, and Pan-African movements. He has developed an intimate understanding of the leading trends, ideas, organizations, and personalities within the var-

ious movements for civil, democratic and human rights.

While attending Howard University, Ture was very active in the struggle for civil rights, and worked actively in the Non-Violent Action Group (NAG), an affiliate of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). As early as 1960, Ture worked with SNCC and became its chairperson in 1966. In 1972, he announced the

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## Community Calendar

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

IRVINGTON—Irvington Dept. of Health and Welfare presents "A Young Father's Program." Evening Counseling, education, medical, health assistance and much more. Group meets from 12-4 p.m. in the hospital's ambulatory dept. For further information call 309-6124.

### NOW THROUGH APRIL 30

MADISON—Photography Exhibition by Paul Strand. Twenty hand-grained photos from Strand's "Mexico portfolio" of 1932-33. Located at the Friendship Library, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 285 Madison Ave., 07940. Free and open to the public. Call 201-593-6520 for more information.

### NOW THRU MARCH 4

POMONA—The Richard Stockton College of NJ Art Gallery presents an exhibit of Arts of Central Africa. Gallery is located in room H-113. Hours and Monday - Friday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 27

WATCHING—Woolrich Arts Center presents "A Taste of Color" a dramatic exhibition of varied paintings. The exhibition is on view Monday to Friday from 1-4 p.m. For further information call 908-753-0190.

### FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH APRIL 5

PLAINFIELD—The Literacy Volumes of America-Plainfield chapter will host an English language workshop for those who work in the workplace. Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave. Every Tues. night from 6-9 p.m. For more information call 908-757-1111.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

JERSEY CITY—"Legal Education Night," a series of free private consultations on legal topics. At the Essex County Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave. Every Tues. night from 6-9 p.m. For more information call 908-757-1111.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NEWARK—The Newark American

Forum. For more information call 201-877-3067.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents a symposium. "Art in Newark: From the 1930s to the 1980s." At 9 a.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College is offering a ten week "Security Management and Administration Institute," a non credit course for security management professionals and personnel. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to register call 201-200-3089.

### FEBRUARY 26-27

SOMERSET—"Native American Sky Legends." The beauty of the stories joined with the realistic platerumant sky create an experience that is sure to amaze. At 1 p.m. at the Platerumant, Raritan Valley Community College. For ticket information call 908-281-8805.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Library Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading: "Renaissance" by Cornell Thomas. For more info call 908-757-1111.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

PLAINFIELD—"The Story of the American Revolution Through Adoption: A Taste of Love." Music, dance, and verse. Special performance by the Pan Caribbean Dance Co. 515 Malcolm X Blvd. Lenox Ave. at 125th St. For more information call 212-369-0900.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

PLAINFIELD—"Sojourner"—A one-woman play. Cecily Palmeras will re-enact the story of Sojourner Truth, in a one-woman play showing her rise from slavery to national prominence. Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave. 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

PLAINFIELD—The Zone Neale Hurston Library Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. The reading entitled "Free" will be performed by Martha Hunt. For more information call 908-757-1111.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NEWARK—The Newark American

Forum will hold an African-American Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Second Level

## Mural Magic



NEWARK—Mural Magic, a pilot arts education program reaching 13 Essex County community organizations and 149 public and private schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic and Union Counties, has been launched by the Newark Performing Arts Center. School children will create 212 4x8' paintings which will be installed at the Newark Performing Arts Center construction site. Pictured at a teacher orientation session held recently at the Newark Museum are, from left, Donald M. Karp, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Broad National Bank; Newark art teachers Marvin Harris of Alexander Street School and Jean Oreg of Dayton Elementary School, and Philip Thomas, NJPAC Director of Arts Education.

## Mayor's Commission to honor "Unsung Heroines"

NEWARK—The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women will hold its Second Annual Luncheon, Friday, March 4th at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. Women who have made significant contributions to the city will be honored as "Unsung Heroines" at the luncheon on March 4th. The luncheon's History Month celebration will be open to others over the years.

The women to be honored are Toni O'Flaherty, community activist and former employee until her retirement with the Essex County Department of Citizens; Shirley M. Ward, Manager of Community Affairs, PSE&G; Arlene Presley-Pleasant, Greater Harvest Baptist Church and Newark Nutrition Pro-

gram and Jeannette Ramos, Coordinator, Senior Services, La Casa Da Don Pedro.

"These women have been working on behalf of the citizens of the greater Newark area for many years," said Trish Morris-Yamha, commission chairwoman. "We wanted to thank them in this special way for their outstanding service they have provided to others over the years."

In addition to the honorees, scholarships will be awarded to two Newark high school seniors to assist with their future education. Forticket and further information about the luncheon, call Morris-Yamha at 216-643-5710.

NEWARK—The Bethany Baptist Church will sponsor a black history program which celebrates the richness of our culture through sight, sound and taste.

## Celebrate Black History with Bethany Baptist students

This three part program will consist of African-American Storytelling, Art Exhibitions from students in Newark Public Schools and ethnic food sampling. The pro-

gram is scheduled for February 27, at 1:30 p.m. Bethany Baptist Church is located at 275 West Market St. For further information call 201-623-8161.

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## Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

### Personal insecurity

Personal insecurity can be tormenting. Feelings of inadequacy can make life hell. A negative self-image can make one feel inferior to others. Acute nervousness (extreme negative feelings) can make the victim lash out at the world.

The true neurotic thinks, "I don't like myself, so no one will like me either. Therefore, I don't like anyone else. I'll hurt them before they have a chance to reject me."

In a recent column, there was a man who tormented everyone because of insecurity. He instantly attacked other people.

You might be having a pleasant conversation with the neurotic person when suddenly, without warning, he will attack you. You ask, "what did I do to make you angry?" The victim might not know why he is suddenly angry with you. Personal insecurity is so devastating and so deeply ingrained in the victim, that angry emotions arise, even without warning. He doesn't attempt to control emotions. He just lets them take over his entire being. He might criticize, abuse, insult or plot against the other person without realizing that it is happening.

Something about you made him feel inadequate. It could have been something that you innocently said. It could have been your nice clothes that made him dislike you. It could have been something positive about you that reminded the insecure person of something negative about himself. Most adults have at least some negative feelings about certain aspects of themselves, but they use their maturity to control their emotions. But, this highly insecure individual, about whom we spoke earlier, is extremely immature. He may be 30 or more, but is nevertheless as stable, emotionally, as a 10-year-old child.

The neurotic, however, carries so often that he will abuse someone, make ugly criticisms about that person and forget that he did it. The next day he will try to tell his friend.

He is, however, shrewd enough to trick you into trusting and befriending him. His tactic is to tell you some gossip or to tell a story about someone else. Everybody likes gossip, so you listen to him. Your mistake is that you are giving you secret information. What you fail to realize is that it is telling people lies about you, too. He has tricked you into thinking that you are special. You will eventually hate him too, when you discover that he has lied to and about you.

He once told me, "I know that I am screwed up. I know that I hurt people. I know that people hate me, but I cannot control my moods. I want to control my moods, I want to have friends. I know that I need help, but I don't have enough nerve to seek it."

The fact is that as long as he makes no effort to help, his behavior will remain as ugly as it is. If you are unable to help him, then you will be without friends.

If you know someone like this man, contact the American Psychological Association, or The Association of Black Psychologists. You can also get free assistance from your city's social services agency. As a last resort, obtain my column on Changing Your Own Behavior, by sending me a legal-size, stamped, self-addressed envelope to: P.O. Box 20086, Seattle, WA 98102-1086.

## Ture to speak

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creation of Kwame Nkrumah's All-African People's Revolutionary Party (A-APRP). Since that time he has been an organizer for the A-APRP. He has an incisive analysis of the national liberation movements of Africa, the Caribbean, North/South/Central America, the Middle East, Asia and Europe.

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## Moore elected chairperson of healthy mothers program

PLAINFIELD—Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition of Plainfield, recently elected Denise Moore, of Plainfield to serve as their chairperson for the next two years.

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies

is a part of Plainfield's Division of

Health, the coalition's mission is to reduce the infant mortality rate in Plainfield.

Individuals interested in volunteering for Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies should contact the coordinator at 753-3388.

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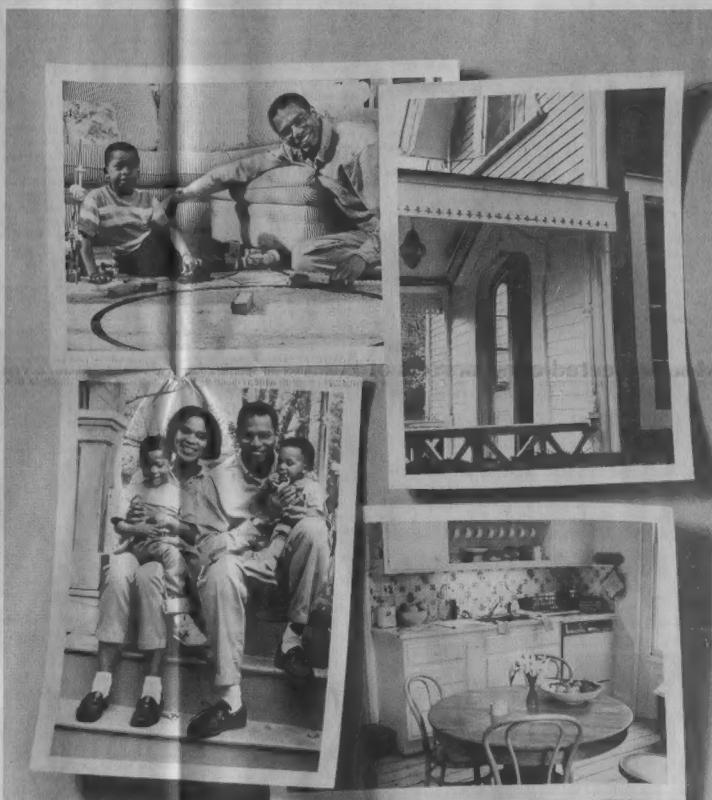
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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### When changing the channels doesn't help

This editorial is not about Tonya Harding or Nancy Kerrigan. It will not revisit Joey Buttafuoco at all. Nor do we care about the Maria Maples underwear burglary. What we do believe is that our leaders and the media should get on with the substantive issues that effect the quality of living as opposed to the size of the endorsements that many of these infamous individuals have. Thanks to them, we are now able to game.

Some want to know how our fellow Americans in Los Angeles are faring after the earthquake and mud slides. We might want information on how the soon-to-be-free majority in South Africa is preparing to vote. We might want to know how children in urban cities are competing in math and science or what impact the new health proposal will have on our businesses, jobs and families.

It is ludicrous that we have the latest technology, super information highways, mega staffs to run network newsrooms and the most we can gain from the millions of dollars spent weekly in news gathering are stories that become made-for-TV movies being aired on the 11:00 p.m. news.

At one time, TV was known for news and entertainment. Now we have entertainment and entertainment news. Maybe the TV moguls should rethink their strategies for gaining audiences. Maybe during this month of ratings sweeps, networks could surprise viewers with intelligent information. Who knows, we might continue to change channels rather than turn the tube off completely.

#### Letter to the editor

### South Ward Multi-purpose senior center helping those in need

Dear Connie,

I am an avid reader of your column and admire your candid and straightforward style of telling it as it is. This note is in reference to the Leaguers Community Center located on Clinton Avenue in Newark.

Connie please be advised that the South Ward Multi-Purpose Senior Center is housed in the Leaguers Building.

The South Ward Center was founded during the Gibson Tenure about eighteen years ago and continues to thrive under the Honorable Mayor.

The City of Newark rents The Leaguers from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. It is true that we have on sight hot meals daily, we also have job placement, adult education, counseling, literacy programs, arts and craft, drama classes and much more.

The South Ward Multi-Purpose Senior Center is one of the largest city run centers in Newark, however we are not affiliated with The Leaguers.

In closing Connie I wish you good health and prosperity and I pray that you will always feel God's loving presence near you.

Sincerely  
Peacolia Simms  
Director South Ward Center.

### Quote of the Week

You may write me down in history  
with your bitter, twisted lies, you  
may trod me in the very dirt but  
still, like dust, I'll rise.

—Maya Angelou



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The NAACP's announced plan to host a national summit of black leaders that will include Minister Louis Farrakhan leader of the Nation of Islam, is welcomed news. It demon-

strates the revitalized role the organization is enjoying under the leadership of Executive Director Benjamin Chavis. His years of involvement in the black liberation movement and firsthand knowledge of what it's like to be a political prisoner in this country, serve as assets to the NAACP's

efforts to reclaim its leadership role in the black community.

Chavis stated that the summit would be part of a follow-up to a unity pledge made by those black leaders who participated in a political forum held at Howard University this past September. It was this forum that caused great concern among certain segments of the white power structure because of the participation of Minister Louis Farrakhan. The declaration by Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume of a "sacred covenant" with the Nation of Islam, as a result of the shared desire to unite black leadership around some common goals to work together, was not welcomed by those who wish to keep our community divided and fighting each other.

The attacks against the Nation of Islam increased. Unfortunately, the speech made by Khalid Abdul Muhammed at Kean College in November, containing a number of derogatory and offensive remarks which were totally subjective in nature, gave the white controlled mainstream media ammunition to go against their ongoing assault on the Nation of Islam. Instead of the focus being on the positive work the Nation of Islam is involved in: helping to drive out the dope dealers and pushers in the community; economic development; AIDS education; political empowerment; educational reform etc., the

negativism. Aside from the fact that politicians make no serious analysis of time and its relationship to crime, they are quick to their audience, time is used negatively to their understanding of the character implications of time and service—implications incapable of translation or communication in "three strikes you're out," "three strikes you're out."

When we talk about crime and its cure and prevention we need to talk in the positive; and we need to talk, not about what is done to a person, but about what the person does of his own initiative. How he conceives time, and how he thinks about it, relative to self and society.

I think time is life. Time is precious, a gift of God and the Universe. And when we are not using time to be wise, we are a result of shortsighted policy and legislation, incarceration, or misguided personal choice—the whole society sustains the loss.

Time is of the Universe. Possessed by no one, yet possessed by all people. You take possession of your parcel of time by managing it withastery pored over a lifetime of service to society. Service defined as chosen effort put to constructive good is society's gain.

Politicians not only distort and misuse the meaning of time. They distort the idea of "service."

Politicians' notion of "serving" time is a bit like a kind of thinking that says you, on the grounds of George Washington's Mt. Vernon home, a memorial to American slaves thanking their "service" to America. A convict's "service" is as slave.

Slaves don't "serve!" Not in the way I'm talking about. Neither do

child prostitutes, pawns of pornography, migrant laborers, convicts, draftees and many more people. You, it is true, service with personal choice is forced—losed. When people are drafted, coerced, driven, lied to, used without their consent or against their wills, what results is not the gift of service.

The nature of these situations and the manner in which people entered into them preclude choice.

Service without choice is not a productive way of talking about time and the reduction or prevention of crime. The service I am talking about speaks to human need for mastery, and posits that the reduction of crime is in direct proportion to the mastery of time as skill, art, some constructive doing.

What politicians characterize as "serving" time or "doing" time is really wasting time. A prisoner without choice, not in possession of his time, in a situation in which some body else is managing time for him, can only be characterized after wasting his time. Not serving time.

Laying roads and making license plates waste the time of a person called prisoner. Chores chosen for the prisoner endear him to the society that robs him of his time in the same way that the public school system endear to a generation that allows them to plants in its back yard and injections with plutonium and experimental drugs against its will or without its informed consent.

Politicians have a problem with humanizing, so they dehumanize; depersonalize, objectify. And this rights leader. What greeted them were

behavior is not limited to the prison population or to crime. In the society of the examples indicate.

Politicians discount the character implications in "service."

I am neither against prisons nor the imprisonment of criminals. But I believe in telling the truth, as far as I can see it; and I believe in thinking deeply, not superficially, about things worth thinking deeply about.

The truth is: Prison wastes time. It wastes lives—often hastening the deterioration begun long before the onset of criminal activity and prison. The truth is: There is no such thing as "serving" time. No one "serves" time. Time is the gift that needs not a servitor, but a master. Mastery is what is needed by individual and society.

Mastery of something masters time and masters the self through discipline that is required to continue building mastery. Mastery of a skill or art or inclination turned to constructive effort (true service) is a concept of time that has the greatest potential for curing or preventing crime.

We must teach the children to value time as a precious gift—second only to life. Teach them to take possession of their time, to be a good master, and, out of time given freely of God and the Universe, to give in service of their own choosing. We must teach the children to focus, throughout their lives, on constructive good, a high calling. Internalizing these lessons, their time becomes the cure for America's crime.

### Why I carry a gun

by Celes King, III

I am an African-American man who lives in South Central Los Angeles and I carry a Smith & Wesson 38 caliber Model 60 revolver, why? Because the Second Amendment of the United States constitution says that I have every right to.

No, I am not a member of a street gang. For sake of reference, I was a pilot in the elite Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. I am a Brigadier General in the California State Military. I have operated a successful bail bond agency in South Central Los Angeles for over 40 years.

Most importantly, I am past president of the Los Angeles Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and for the past 10 years I have been the California state chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

In December, 1993, I became one of the first African-American civilians, and only one of 13 residents of any city in Los Angeles, to be granted a license to carry a concealed firearm in over 15 years.

The awarding of these 13 gun permits, however, was not an act of charity by the city fathers. It only happened because CORE and a number of other organizations filed suit against the city's right to impose its obligation to uphold the Constitution.

The other organizations may have had other reasons for joining in the suit but for CORE, the issue was very clear. We had learned from past history.

"The history of gun control in America," Malcolm X often said, "is the history of racial and class suppression."

Malcolm X was talking about the strict interpretation of the Second Amendment. People have the right to protect themselves.

During slavery, blacks were prohibited from owning firearms. And, the Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney put an exclamation point on that practice when he wrote, in *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857), "that the Negro had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

Following the Civil War, it took the Freedmen's Bureau Act of 1866, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the first portion of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution to nullify Jim Crow laws passed to keep blacks from owning or carrying guns. Blacks had good reasons for wanting that right regained. The Ku Klux Klan and many redneck sheriff's deputies were picking off unarmed blacks as if they were skunk.

Writer Dan Gifford tells the story of how blacks in Monroe, North Carolina armed themselves to ward off the Klan on Oct. 5, 1957. Eighty carloads of Klansmen were rode into town to harass Dr. Albert Perry, a local civil

rights leader. What greeted them were

hundreds and hundreds of ammunition the blacks acquired free of charge from the U.S. Army, through their National Rifle Association chapter.

Certainly the call for getting guns out of the hands of criminals is warranted. But I am not a criminal.

Now, I carry a gun legally. The courts say it is my constitutional right due to certain reasonable conditions.

### Farrakhan to participate in NAACP summit



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attention centered on Khalid's inflammatory statements.

The ability of Minister Farrakhan to draw over 20,000 people to a "Stop the Killing" rally held in December, and then come back four weeks later to address over 12,000 black men at a special rally held at the 369th Street Armory in New York City, with thousands more in attendance outside who couldn't get in, is very significant. For the NAACP to convene a national summit and not invite Minister Farrakhan, would have indicated that it wasn't a serious effort. Regardless of who likes it or not, Minister Farrakhan enjoys the support and respect from the masses of people in our community—particularly, our youth.

The refusal to let the mainstream media, the ADL and other groups dictate who should represent us, is an important stance made by the NAACP. His statement recommitting the NAACP to working on health care reform, economic development, crime and other life and death issues with other black groups and organizations should be heeded by all. Chavis also stated the summit was being held to encourage black leaders to work on developing better communication with each other.

We should all be encouraged by the direction the NAACP is moving in during this current time period. The historic role it has played since

its beginning in our ongoing struggle for justice, equality and economic empowerment was forgotten by many—particularly our young people. The selection of Ben Chavis as the new Executive Director has thus far proven to be a big plus all the way around.

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## KIDS Kalendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEWARK—EGO hosting an African-American History Month Committee Children's Day 9 a.m. on the third Level—Yellow Area. For more information call 201-877-3067.

FEBRUARY 26 &amp; 27

NEW YORK—Toy Making, at the Children's Museum of the Arts. \$4 per person ages 18 months to 5 yrs. Children under 18 months, adults over 65 and members admitted free.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SOMERSET—The New Jersey Ballet will perform their rolling version of "Cinderella" with some strange looking stepmothers. At the Somerset College, 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 all seats. For information call 908-728-3420.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

SUMMIT—Metal Works' Workshop (ages 6-9) Learn how to emboss sheets of metal with a torch. \$10. Call 908-250-5751. By the New Jersey Center for The Visual Arts. For more info, call 908-273-9121.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

LINCOLN—The African-American Family Festival will be held at Brookdale Community College. For more info, call 908-224-2303.

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### Who's Who among black students

N. DARTMOUTH, MA.—To highlight Black college and high school students' achievements, Dr. Singleton, a black education professor, is in the process of publishing annually a national Who's Who Among Black College Students and Who's Who Among Black High School Students. The first two editions will feature black student's academic, creative, and leadership accomplishments.

For more information to be eligible, he has to meet one or the following flexible rules: Academics, Creativity and Leadership. For further information call 508-999-3000.

### NJIT Open House

NEWARK—NJIT and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) will host its winter open house on Sunday, February 27 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hazel Center. Activities will include: informal discussions with faculty, students and staff, campus tours, presentations and financial aid, admissions and cooperative education, and laboratory demonstrations.

The Educational Opportunity Program at NJIT provides comprehensive support services for students who may need some academic and/or financial assistance. Applications for the EOP Program, which requires no fee, as well as scholarship information will be available at the EOP Workshop during the Winter Open House. For further information call 201-596-5674.



Members of the Education is Salvation student group (L-R) Melissa Thomas, Mahogany Hendricks, Second row (L-R) Thierry Thomas, April Harrison, Kamili Johnson, Spring Harrison, Mike Weber, Janeth Sanchez, Back row (L-R) Terrance Bowen, Stephanie Mack, Dawn Holland, Mr. Dave Lichtenstein, Chaka Tucker, and Alexander Nunez. Photo by Bill Fralic

### Plainfield students perform at arts festival

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield students premiered scenes from their new assembly program at the recent Very Special Arts Festival at Union County College. The students are part of the group that is the "Salvation" performing group at the school High School. Their show is part of a three-project that has been developing at the school for several years, incorporating entertainment and education for a stay-in-school message.

At the Festival they danced, sang and acted in skits illustrating the message.

The assembly, which is geared for elementary and middle-school students, has three goals: to promote the value of all educational subjects, deal with problems outside of school that effect classroom behavior and to promote multi-cultural understanding.

The group, which receives guidance from its faculty founder, Mr. David Lichtenstein, is currently preparing to make a series of motivational video tapes, again using entertainment to urge younger students to take school seriously. The group plans on performing their assembly program in schools that view the tapes.

Schools wishing to have the group perform for their students can contact Mr. Lichtenstein at Plainfield High School at 908-753-3183.

### Morehouse hosts prospective students

ATLANTA—Throughout its 127 year history, Morehouse College has produced many accomplished leaders, such as Nobel Laureate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., film director Spike Lee, Ebony magazine senior editor Dr. Lerone Bennett Jr., Atlanta Life Insurance founder T.M. Alexander, Olympian Edwin Moses, former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson, former Health and Human Services secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan, National Center for Disease Control director Dr. David Satcher, and Morehouse senior Nima Warfield, the first African-American Rhodes Scholar from an historically black college.

Morehouse is committed to providing exemplary leadership in the 21st century. Each year the College hosts a four-day Prospective Student

Seminar (PSS), recruiting interested students from across the country. About 90 percent of the students who participate in PSS are enrolled in Morehouse.

The Seminar is unique compared to other college open houses, because of its intimacy and the degree of interaction the participants receive with the Morehouse student body, faculty and staff. Although the participants are housed in an Atlanta hotel, they are transported to the Morehouse campus every day for lectures, informative sessions on college policies and history, and cultural and social activities.

"For four days, young black men will eat, sleep, and breathe like Morehouse students," said Sterling Hudson, co-founder of PSS and dean of freshmen at the College.

The 1993 Prospective Student Seminar is slated for April 6 through 10, and will be headquartered at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel located in midtown Atlanta. Total cost for the Seminar is \$365.00, which includes meals, hotel accommodations, transportation within Atlanta, and admission to all planned activities. Acceptance to the seminar is on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for applications is March 4, 1994. More information and application can be obtained by contacting the Morehouse Admissions Office at 1-800-851-1254, or P.O. Box 1088, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia 30314.



Panelists: Joseph Phillips, Brenda Shockley, James Miume

**South Orange resident member of Summit '94 panel**  
James Miume will serve as one of the panelists on TBS' Summit '94 scheduled to air on Saturday, February 26. Miume is a Grammy Award-winning producer, writer and jazz recording artist. This year's roundtable discussion will be on violence in America. Also joining the panel for several segments are two members of the Gladiators, Inc., an Atlanta-based non-profit service and support organization for today's teenage youth. Fifteen-year-old Shaleeka Dix and seventeen-year-old Derrick Mettox provide a perspective that is often missed from discussions of violence, that of the people most affected—young people.



James Chaney 1943-1964



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Malcolm X 1925-1965

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### Morton Street school honors African-American inventor

NEWARK—As a part of their Black History Month celebration, students at the Morton Street School will pay tribute to African-American inventor Lewis Latimer on Friday, February 25.

At a special assembly program, sixth-grade students at Morton will designate the day as "Lewis Latimer Day" in honor of the inventor, who was the only African-American to be a part of the Thomas Edison Pioneers. The son of a runaway slave, Latimer was an inventor, a patent expert, a draftsman, an engineer, an author, a poet and a musician.

The best known of his numerous accomplishments is his invention and patent of a process for making carbon filaments for light bulbs.

Guest speaker for the program will be Mrs. Winifred Norman, Latimer's granddaughter. She will speak to students about her grandfather's life as an African-American inventor and will discuss some of his inventions and experiments. In preparation for the program the students have researched Latimer's background and are recreating several of his experiments.

### John F. Kennedy students performs Songs of Our People

NEWARK—In a tribute to the late reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and in commemoration of Black History Month, the students of John F. Kennedy School will present a performance of *Songs of Our People*, on Thursday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

According to Mr. John J. Conte, principal of the school "the significance of Black History Month can-

not be forgotten. Our special education children deserve the opportunity to participate in activities which will enhance their cultural awareness. We encourage the parents of these wonderful children to attend the program an show support for their children." The play highlights some of the songs that have been and are a large part of the African-American experience.

### ECC hosts 3rd annual children's book festival

NEWARK—Essex County College's Saturday Youth Program will host its third annual Children's Book Festival on Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to the main Newark campus.

The festival, which is part of the college's Black History Month celebration, is designed to encourage young people to read more. According to Carolyn Miller, director of On-Campus Continuing Education, "the festival is filled with meaning and imagination specifically geared

toward children, to help them learn, listen African folktales, browse through books and articles and participate in workshops and demonstrations designed to improve reading skills. They will include workshops.

The festival will include workshops, self-esteem for children, story-telling, creative bookmarks, mask and puppet making African Dance and drum, magic, hair braiding, face painting and family films. The festival is free and open to the public.

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## Religious Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NEWARK—Annual Black History Day Celebration. First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 186 Thomas St. Rev. Dr. Paul Gardner, minister for the 11 a.m. service. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield High School's Gospel Choir presents "The Promise." Dinner and Fashion show, \$18.00 donation, call Mrs. G. Thomas 908-785-8161, or Mrs. D. Gray 908-783-1895.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

TEANECK—The internationally known "Cumberland Boys" will perform at Fairleigh Dickenson's Library Auditorium, River Road (south of I-95) at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Unity Church of Christ in Teaneck. For more information call 201-836-6333.

### Send Religious Calendar events to:

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## New Jerusalem Baptist church installs new Pastor

NEWARK—Rev. Willie S. Wilburn, Pastor Elect of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church will be installed as its 12th pastor in 57 years since the founding of the church.

The late Rev. Bowers, founder of the church on Prince Street in Newark, was its first pastor. Rev. Turner, Rev. Wilcox, Rev. E. Jones respectively, all deceased are some of the past pastors.

The Pastoral Installation services will begin Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Rayford Jones and congregation of the Holy Christian Baptist Church will be conducting the services.

Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Byron E. Lennon and the Divinity

Kidney Disease & Diabetes: What to look for, What to do.

Kidney failure strikes African Americans four times more often than White. They are also more likely to have high blood pressure, the number one cause of kidney failure. And they're nearly four times more prone to diabetic kidney disease. For years, health groups have urged blacks to get tested for these high risk diseases, yet the numbers haven't changed much. But there is some hopeful news: now there are inexpensive home health tests available in local pharmacies that detect kidney disease or diabetes and can give black people an advantage in their fight against these potential killers.

Knowing some signs and prevention measures may help avoid a problem which can carry people head the following time.

**Kidney disorders:** Our kidneys filter toxins from our blood and release them in the urine. When kidneys can't filter properly, wastes build up causing sickness and even death.

**Common signs of problems:** burning during urination, increased frequency of urination, puffiness

around the eyes, swelling hands and feet. Pain in lower back or below ribs, high blood pressure, weakness, vomiting, nausea, blood or protein in the urine.

**Prevention tips:** reduce high blood pressure by losing weight, if overweight. Stop smoking, cut back on salt use, get regular exercise, reduce stress, avoid medications that damage kidneys (ask your pharmacist or doctor). Eat less protein in meals, get early treatment for urinary tract infections, that can travel up to kidneys, regular testing for

kidney disorders can be done with a simple, inexpensive home test which detects blood and protein in the urine and can alert you to problems before symptoms appear. If the test is positive, see your doctor immediately for early treatment.

**Diabetes:** In Type I (insulin dependent) diabetes, the pancreas can't produce insulin. In Type 2 diabetes, insulin is produced, but the body can't use it properly. Untreated diabetes can have devastating complications like blindness, kidney failure, heart disease and even death.

**Common signs of problem:** frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme tiredness, unexplained weight loss, blurry vision, a parent, brother or sister with diabetes.

**Prevention tips:** lose weight if overweight, follow a healthy diet, get regular exercise, regular testing for diabetes can be done with a simple, inexpensive home test which detects higher than normal amounts of blood sugar in the urine and can alert you to problems before symptoms appear. If the test is positive, see your doctor immediately for early treatment.

## Dr. Samuel Proctor to speak at First Baptist church 50th anniversary

CLARK—Renowned theologian, Dr. Samuel Proctor will deliver the keynote address at the "50th anniversary celebration of the First Baptist Church of Clark." Credit Union.

—New Jersey's oldest church credit union to be held, Friday March 4th, at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Clark, New Jersey.

Recently named in Ebony Magazine as one of America's 15 greatest Black preachers, Dr. Proctor is now Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry, Duquesne University, he is also professor Emeritus of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and Pastor Emeritus of historic Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, where he followed legendary preacher and congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., as pastor.

The 50th anniversary celebration is entitled "Economic Development: An Essential mission of the collective Black church." According to the Board of Directors of the credit union said, "we are excited about having Dr. Proctor address our theme because church sponsored self-help economic development programs were a vital part of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s plan for attaining economic empowerment for our people through the

collective effort of the 65,000 black churches across the land and their twenty million members.

"There are only 801 church credit unions in the U.S. (and just 2) in New Jersey. It's obvious that we are not taking advantage of the self-help economic development opportunities available to us and, therefore, must now look to the church to provide leadership and leadership."

First Baptist Church pioneered in self-help economic development programs 60 years ago when visionary minister, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Allen organized food and coal clubs to enable the members to feed their families and heat their homes at minimum cost during the hard economic times of the Great Depression years.

The anniversary celebration will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Allen who organized the credit union in 1944, initially for the purpose of providing a means for the young men of the church to save toward the purchase of their homes. The credit union has been operating successfully ever since.

"Along the way, Dr. Allen assisted other churches in starting credit unions, including St. James AME Church in Newark, which now has the largest church credit union in New Jersey.

Arranging the affair will be New Jersey Congressman, Donald Payne, representatives of our three most important credit union organizations, the New Jersey Credit Union League, which assists in organizing credit unions; The Congress of Religious Credit Unions, Fairfax, Virginia; and the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, New York City, sponsors of the National Church Credit Union Project. For information and reservations please call, 201-673-1746; 908-753-4808 or 908-757-6320.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Center holds free lead testing, and offers WIC program vouchers to qualifying families, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

PLAINFIELD—The regular monthly meeting of the Family Support Group of Union County will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at The Arg Administration Building, 1228 South Avenue, Plainfield.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

WESTFIELD—A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8 p.m. St. Helen's Church, Lambert Mill Rd.

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MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

ELIZABETH—For those interested in sharing their home and those seeking housing, Community Access Unlimited offers the Home Share Program of Union County as an alternative housing option.

WHAT IS HOME SHARE? The program will allow a homeowner to remain in his or her home by providing a housing alternative for a potentially homeless individual, while reducing financial burden for both the homeowner and home seeker. Services provided include Matching homeowners and seekers, monthly

networking groups, monthly support group, information and referral services, case management and three month follow up support services.

A meeting will be held on February 22, at 80 West Grand St. in Elizabeth from 6:30 to 7:30 and February 17 and 24, at 132 East Front St. in Plainfield from 6:30 to 7:30. Thereafter all meetings will be held monthly on the last Tuesday in Elizabeth and Thursday in Plainfield. For more information contact Sophie Smith at 908-354-3040.

## Share your home with someone in need

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## United Hospitals celebrates National Nutrition Month

NEWARK—March is recognized as a National Nutrition Month, and United Hospitals invites you to celebrate it with them. To learn more about nutrition and for a free demonstration on healthy cooking, join the food and nutrition team of United Hospitals in its first "Nutrition and you" program.

The program will offer free snacks, free recipes, free cooking lessons on

healthy food from the Marriott's Executive Chef , David Merkel, free information on healthy foods from Marriott's Clinical Dietitians and free taste panels for food cooked at demonstration.

The events will be held on Thursday, March 3 from 2 p.m. in the United Hospitals' Auditorium. For further information call 268-8154.

## A Salute to Black History Month.

During Black History Month, East Orange General Hospital Salutes Black Americans who have made extraordinary contributions in a wide variety of endeavors.

In particular, East Orange General Hospital acknowledges two outstanding pioneers in medicine, Dr. Charles R. Drew and Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. Dr. Drew was a surgeon who developed a method of preserving blood plasma for extended periods of time. Dr. Williams performed the first successful operation on the human heart. These medical leaders are just two of the Black Americans who have enriched our knowledge and skills in the field of healthcare.

To help ensure that others will be able to follow in their footsteps, East Orange General Hospital is investing in the future with educational financial assistance in a variety of medical fields. For more information regarding these educational opportunities, contact Employment Recruiter at 201-266-8513.

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choice among teens is nicotine (cigarette smoking) and the favorite illegal drug is marijuanna.—ANN ARBOR, MI

**SNOOP DOGGY DOGG HEARING ON MURDER CHARGE SET FOR MARCH 11:** Rap music superstar Snoop Doggy Dogg (real name: Calvin Broadus) faces a March 11 pre-trial hearing in the shooting death of a man he and two others in a park last summer. Broadus and two others were indicted and have pleaded not guilty in the shooting. The 22-year-old "gangsta rapper" is currently free on one million dollars bail. Meanwhile, his controversial label, Doggystyle Records, is at the top of the charts, having sold over three million copies since its release late last year. Broadus' bodyguard is charged with the actual shooting while Broadus faces murder charges for driving the car in the drive-by shooting—LOS ANGELES, CA.

**GWENDOLYN BROOKS RECEIVES TOP HUMANITIES HONOR:** Pulitzer Prize winning African American poet Gwendolyn Brooks has received the federal government's highest honor for achievement in the humanities. The National Endowment for the Humanities named the 75-year-old its 1994 Jefferson Lecturer. In addition to a \$10,000 honorarium, Brooks will also receive a \$10,000 stipend. D.C. on May 4 and in Chicago on May 11. Asked what she will lecture about she said, "It's about black people. That's what I know best."—CHICAGO, IL

**NAACP REFUSES TO JOIN CAMPAIGN AGAINST "GANG-STA RAP":** NAACP head Benjamin Chavis has declined to join a campaign by Civil Rights and women's groups condemning so-called gangsta rap music. Critics, led by the National Black Women's Interdenominational Caucus, charge that gangsta rap promotes violence and misogyny—hatred of women. But, Chavis recently compared the campaign against rap to the campaigns against jazz during its early days. "Rap music," said Chavis, "needs to be embraced not condemned." But he pledged to communicate

with young rap artists and encourage them to produce more positive messages. That position has angered women's groups who were already upset with the NAACP for giving an award of honor to controversial rapper Tupac Shakur.—BALTIMORE, MD

**'HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE' GUIDE PROPOSED FOR BLACKS:** "Black & Beautiful" is the title of a new guidebook designed to teach blacks how to achieve more in the competitive American society. "The key to success," says guide author James Nathan, "is to know what to do, how to prove it, how to do it." Nathan heads the non-profit Better Life Club of America, which produces the guide. It is free to the general public by sending \$3.00 to cover postage to the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038—WASHINGTTON, D.C.

**MICHAEL JACKSON SAID READY TO SUE SISTER LA TOYA:** Angered by statements made by his sister LaToya, Michael Jackson is reportedly preparing a multi-million dollar lawsuit against his older sister LaToya and her husband Jack Gordon. According to London's Sunday Mirror, the \$40-million lawsuit may be filed next month. LaToya Jackson has given several interviews defending her belief that 15-year-old Michael has a history of molesting young boys. She told one television tabloid show that Michael told her he performed on "little boys" and did not want to waste time with women. Jackson recently received an out-of-court financial settlement with a 14-year-old boy he was alleged to have molested—LOS ANGELES, CA.

**MARY WILSON HURT, SON DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT:** Former Supremes singer Mary Wilson was hurt and her 14-year-old son killed when the jeep she was driving hit a freeway median and overturned. Both women's injuries were labeled non-fatal, but her son Rafael Ferrer was pronounced dead about two hours after the accident.—BARSTOW, CA

# Super-thinking and solving problems

by Robert N. Taylor

American institutions, including schools, businesses and government institutions, do not place enough emphasis on proper thinking skills. There is an over-abundance of people telling you what to think, but relatively few addressing the essential issue of how to think. How do we arrive at solutions to problems in the quickest and most efficient manner? Or better yet, how do we conduct our lives in order to prevent most problems from arising in the first place?

This is indeed a complicated area of discussion. But there are certain basic rules which, if followed, will enable any reasonably intelligent person to quickly solve problems and achieve both more success and happiness in life.

1. All of life is dialectical. This word is not frequently used in America, but essentially it means that everything which exists is the result of at least two factors which are in some way opposite. Nothing is caused by just one thing. In this regard, every problem has both a mother and a father—two primary factors which

brought it into existence. The ancient Chinese referred to this as the yin and the yang of life. Regardless of the names, always remember that whenever attempting to solve a problem you must first identify "the two primary factors" responsible for the existence of the problem.

2. Addition and subtraction are the primary methods of change. Whenever confronted with a problem you are essentially faced with a question of how to change a phenomenon or situation from what it is to what you want it to be. In other words, you are trying to figure out how best to

bring about change. The methodological answer is simple: Change is brought about by either addition or subtraction. Thus, when faced with a problem you must either add something to it or subtract something from it to bring about change. In terms of general method, this is always the question you must ask: What is that must be either added or subtracted from this situation in order to change it? For example, in the case of losing weight, the solution is a combination of reducing (subtracting) food consumption on one hand and increasing (adding) exercise on the other hand. This is a good example because in virtually all instances, problem-solving involves both adding and subtracting.

3. Employ the law of contradiction by attacking with the opposite. Once you know that you must either add or subtract to change a situation or solve a problem, the next question becomes what do you add or subtract? The answer is attack with the opposite. We all know this to be true in a situation of not having enough money to make ends meet. We intuitively understand that if the central problem is lack of money, then we need to add money in order to better the situation. But the rule of attacking with the opposite applies in virtually all situations. However, most people fail to realize this. For example, one reason there is so much violence in the world is that most people think it best to respond to the problem of social violence with government violence disguised as "get tough" laws. Now, there is a role for responding in kind, but responding in kind can never be the primary thing you do when trying to solve a problem.

## Reebok returns to South Africa

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people who are on the ground (South Africa). We were the ones who, in part, called for the sanctions. We are now saying return. We are calling for reinvestment in our country and we don't want too many wise people telling us what is good for us. We've got so much going for us and the point is that once our economy gets going, it will be for the benefit of South Africa and ... maybe for the whole continent. And once we have the vigorous economy in South Africa and southern Africa, that will be all kinds of important repercussions for the economy of the world."

Reebok's return to South Africa is expected to cream new standards for business operations on three major fronts: ownership, training and community support. Specific plans call for the establishment of a subsidiary based in Johannesburg, 45 percent of which will be locally

owned by four black South Africans and one individual of color. The company, Reebok South Africa, plans to open franchise stores which, with the institution of buy-back options, will eventually be black-owned. The new company has plans to open a concept store in April, 1994 located in Johannesburg. Reebok South Africa anticipates manufacturing apparel in South Africa within 18 months.

Training will be provided for local owners and staff in merchandising, inventory control, cash flow and other areas. An effective, multi-level management team will be employed and corporate executives which include the chairman of materials from minority owned businesses as well as strict adherence to the Reebok's code of conduct—the Human Rights Production Standards—will also be implemented.

Reebok has pledged that its

South African company will contribute 2 percent of its pre-tax earnings to a local charity dedicated to community activities. Reebok International is guaranteed that this contribution will be at least \$240,000 over the first three years of the company's operation. Reebok South Africa also expects to invest at least 2 percent of its pre-tax earnings for additional grass roots, sports and recreational projects.

Reebok's commitment to South Africa's economic and social stability is also evident in sports through a four year sponsorship of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa. The agreement will include the manufacturing of apparel for South Africa's athletes at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, USA. The Reebok Foundation has supported the democratic process through a contribution of \$125,000 to SAAF (South Africa Free Elections).

## Guinier to speak at Rutgers Camden

**CAMDEN**—As part of Black History Month observances attorney Lani Guinier will be the keynote speaker in a free lecture sponsored by Rutgers University at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, February 28, in Camden campus.

Her lecture, entitled "And the New Civil Rights," will detail Guinier's provocative suggestions for the promotion of civil rights and "inclusive" democracy.

In 1993, Guinier was nominated

by President Clinton to head the civil rights division of the U.S. Justice Department. Her nomination was withdrawn after intense political debate arose concerning her suggestions for ending racial discrimination.

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## CITY LIFE

## Billboard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

HOBOKEN—Projected Images presents the showing of *Deezed* and *Confused*. For further information call 201-217-4077.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

MONTCLAIR—Montclair Art Museum presents a showing of *Household Saints*, a mythical fabliau based on the novel by François Rabelais. For further information call 201-748-9118.

FEBRUARY 25

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in a "symphonic cabaret" program featuring such classics as *Night and Day* and *Cole Porter*. The program is presented by call to the NJSO ticket office at 1-800-ALLEGRO GRO or 201-248-8203. Reservations are required, call 908-634-0413.

FEBRUARY 25

WOODBRIDGE—Women in Jazz Series Kicks Off at Barron Arts Center presents a show featuring the performance of a special composition entitled *No Holes Barred*. Reservations are required, call 908-634-0413.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents a Black History Month Concert, 3 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-2717.

MARCH 1

NEW YORK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents *Werner Poole Series: Hollywood to Broadway*. Bobby Short Trio, 3 p.m. in the Newark Symphony Hall. For more information call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

MADISON—The *Country Music* Festival, 2 p.m. workshop performance of Russell Davis' *Salt's Porch*. Playwrights Theatre of NJ, 33 Green Village Rd. Contact: Josh Sommers, 201-514-1787.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Public Library presents its 93-94 Cultural Series 2:45 p.m. Fred Williams Art Exhibit and reception, 211 South Arlington.

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## Hammer is back, tougher than ever

**NEW YORK**—Hammer, the most popular rap artist of all time, has returned to the music scene and he has a few words for his fans. "People have seen Hammer the dancer, now I want them to know Hammer the man." With the release of his Giant Records debut album, *The Funky Headhunter*, Hammer fans can get to know the performer as never before. It's time for the real deal.

*The Funky Headhunter's* debut single, "It's All Good," not only shows Hammer's peerless rapping skills, but typifies the middle of his life. The uplift in *Clap Yo' Hands* sums up Hammer's amazing life story, while in others, like *Pumps & A Bump*, a sense of fun shines through. In *Break em' Something Proper*, *Sleeping On The Master Plan*, and the title track, Hammer gets serious.

In his career, Hammer has sold over 25 million albums, earned three Grammys (including Best Rap Solo and Best Rap Song for the #1 "U Can't Touch This"), six American Music Awards and three Soul Train

Awards. His concerts and videos are among the most celebrated in music. He not only changed the face of rap, he changed the nature of popular entertainment. Without a doubt, Hammer is a unique phenomenon.

Though he pursued a pro ball career, Hammer eventually turned to music. Borrowing money from friends, he formed Bustin' Records (later Bust It) and developed a concert person that featured acrobatic choreography and a unique mix of upbeat attitude. His first single, "It's All Good," picked up strong local airplay, and led to the sale of 50,000 copies of his debut album, *Feel My Power*. most of which Hammer sold from the trunk of his car.

In 1988, Hammer signed with Capitol Records. His double-platinum label debut, *Let's It Start*, lived up to its name, spawning five Top 5 hits, including *Pump It Up* (*Here's The News*) and *Turn This Matha Out*. Within a year he

was headlining.

It was 1990's *Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em* that rocketed his career into the stratosphere. *U Can't Touch This* became the signature single of the year, and both single and album perched atop the charts for months. While Hammer crisscrossed the globe, his last album, *Too Legit To Quit*, was also a multi-platinum smash.

Hammer is just coming off his first real break in seven years. "If I hadn't come from where I did, no way I could have survived all that's happened," he says. "I gained a foundation for what was to come." Although *The Funky Headhunter* is different, Hammer notes, "I always put energy, choreography, and excitement into my music. I'm still the same positive guy." As for the new album, "I'm ecstatic about it. It's by far the best Hammer record." After a pause, he adds, "I'm already successful. I don't have to bend or compromise at all. Let's face it. This is the best part of the ride."



Hardcore Hammer ('94)

Robert Guillaume stars in *Cyrano-The Musical*

**NEW YORK**—Robert Guillaume, the Emmy Award-winning and Tony nominated actor, will assume the title role in the Broadway production of *Cyrano-The Musical* beginning Tuesday evening, March 8, at the Neil Simon Theatre. Mr. Guillaume.

Robert Guillaume is a classically-trained performer who began his career in opera and musical theater. His extensive theatrical credits both on and off Broadway include the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, (Los Angeles), and lead roles

in *Purlie*, *Golden Boy* and *Guys and Dolls*, for which he received a Tony

Award nomination for his performance as Nathan Detroit. Other stage appearances include *Kwanzaa*, *Bambouche*, *Tambourines to Glory*, *Othello*, *Pygmalion* and *Bess*, *Apple Pie* and *Jacques Brel*.

The performance schedule is Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., with matinees Wednesdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$35-\$65. For tickets, please call Ticketmaster at 212-307-4200.

In the spotlight

**NEW YORK**—The series of prime-time pop music specials produced by thirteen/WNET in New York, presents *Rhythm Country and Blues*, featuring Wednesday, March 2 at 9 p.m. (ET), on PBS check local listings.

The one-hour performance documentary melds the talents of such notable country and R&B artists as Al Green and Lynn Lovette, Little Richard and Tammy Wynette, Eartha Kitt and Travis Tritt, Vince Gill and Gladys Knight, Aron Neville and Trisha Yearwood.

Through candid interviews with the artists and archival footage, the program explores the similar origins, the mutual influences of the musical genres rooted in diverse cultural traditions and a history of racial segregation and civil rights triumphs.

Sugar Hill

"Harlem was an outpost of American optimism, a gathering place for the avant-garde in music, dance, and democratic interracial relationships, and the site and symbol of America's freewheeling sense of possibility... it was our Paris." (Ralph Ellison)

Today, that Harlem is gone.

*Sugar Hill* is a powerful saga about redemption, love and the price two brothers are forced to pay to maintain their dreams, a high-stakes game for control of the streets they rule. In many ways, this movie is the real and brutal history of the first "hood." The title *Sugar Hill* is taken from the legendary neighborhood that represented the aspirations and hopes of all Harlem.

The film stars Wesley Snipes, Michael Wright, Theresa Randle, Clarence Williams III, with Abe Vigoda and Ernie Hudson. Fority actresses auditioned for the leading female role, but Ishaq was an obvious choice. "I knew from the moment I saw Theresa, she had the beauty and melancholy look in her eyes," says Randle.

Snipes is already-based story which illustrates both sides of street

life. It shows that the strong-willed do survive and that the streets take a toll on young victims. Actor Michael Wright's character is a case in point. As Raynathan, he portrays the brash and unpredictable older brother who cannot assume control of the family's business. Unwilling to go straight, he is trapped in a life of organized crime. "He doesn't see any alternatives," says Wright. "All he knows are the streets. He's gonna be a hood jerk, taxi driver, shoe salesman or something like that. So what's he going to do? It's a tragedy," says Wright.

Wesley Snipes stars as Rocemello Skuggs, the younger, yet wiser and cooler-headed brother to Raynathan. Together they have battled their way to the top of their own crime empire. Which has brought them money, power and infamy.

Snipes says this story typifies what many young African-American men experience in major cities throughout the country. While Snipes' character in the film must become casualties in the war to survive on the streets. "It's about the quicksand of the drug business—and of ghetto life period," says Snipes. "It's about trying to climb out of a hole to rise up to a certain level, and getting sucked back down."

Theresa Randle welcomed the chance to portray Melissa. "Melissa comes from an urban environment and like a lot of women, she goes through many trials to find out who she is. She's a woman who, in the midst of some tough circumstances to strive for a better life. She says the film also points out some real-life lessons. There are no shortcuts to life or love, and she finally realizes this."

According to Snipes, "everybody wants to be loved and many of the things done in the film are motivated by the search for love. Rocemello feels Melissa can bring something to his life; she's an unpolished stone, and he sees the beauty underneath the surface."

He describes the film as "a Cain and Able story played by Michael Wright and himself. It's a human drama piece that delves into the psyches of the men. Offscreen and on, Snipes believes he and Wright embody the temperament of their characters. "I'm reserved; Michael's animated. I'm tactical and experimental; he's emotional and expressive."

Rocemello (Wesley Snipes) and Raynathan Skuggs (Michael Wright) engaged in a deep conversation, in a scene from *Sugar Hill*.

Test your knowledge of black history with the Black Americans of Achievement board game

**MIAMI, FL**—Black Americans of Achievement, Inc. (BAAO) has signed an agreement with Burger King Corporation to participate in the national promotion of its BAAO Board Game through the Burger King chain of restaurants.

BAAO, Inc. is a retail marketing company established to develop, market and sell black cultural retail products, including black cultural retail products, including awareness of black American accomplishments throughout the history of the United States. The board game uses the images and names of black Americans in a question and answer format and players bet on the success of other players. The game is highly educational and entertaining.

Louis Corbo, President of BAAO Inc., said, "Test marketing has shown that it promotes a much higher level of awareness of black Americans in our history. The game will be used from grade six through university as a tool in education. But our marketing has shown it will be popular as a family

game in the home as well."

Paul Clayton, Vice President, Marketing for Burger King Corporation, said, "We are pleased to provide a product with such added educational value. Not only does the game showcase outstanding African Americans and their accomplishments, but it encourages us all to embrace the

contributions of various ethnic groups, enlightening people of all races."

Burger King customers can obtain "dollars-off-certificates" from their restaurants to purchase the game at various leading retail chains. The game will retail for \$19.95, not including in-store discounts.

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## Crossroads receive African-American theater grant



NEW BRUNSWICK—In celebration of Black History Month, The Coca-Cola Foundation announced grants to support African-American theater and cultural diversity programs. The announcement was made at the Crossroads Theater Company, by the Foundation's director Michael Bivens (left) and noted actress and Crossroads supporter Ruby Dee (second right). Looking on are (second left) Deneen McEachern and Tron Morgan (second right), students of Crossroads African American College Initiative Program (ACIP) which provides workshops, internships, faculty-student exchanges and arts advocacy activities at six historically black colleges and universities and one institution with a black theater company.

## The Scoop

by Janice Malone

**Down But Not Out:** Even though former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson is behind bars in an Indiana prison cell, apparently the entertainment world's rich and famous haven't forgotten him. The Scoop's lead reporter Mike receives a steady flow of celebrity visitors on regular basis. Some of the people who recently visited him are Al B. Sure, James Brown and Vanessa Williams. Many of the prison employees are reportedly still talking about the dia-mond-studded high-heeled boots the Godfather of Soul was wearing during his visit. An Indianapolis cab driver reports, "I drove Vanessa Williams out to the prison to see Mike...She was looking good. I bet her visit really cheered up Mike!" Janet Jackson was scheduled to visit him the same day that Al B. Sure was there, but a scheduling problem occurred. Sources say that she was reportedly ill. Rumors continue to the chump in her absence. Another source, who visited Mike a few days ago says, "Mike looks to be in excellent physical condition. His arm muscles are ripped like crazy. He even has three tattoos on his arm! He looks to be in better shape than he was before he went in. After seeing him, I would hate to be his next opponent..." Johnnie Gill, Ray Parker, Jr., and Levert are just a few of the many stars who've paid him a visit. Get this, Dionne Warwick also visited Mike several months ago and our sources tell us that Warwick reportedly told the champ that he needs to get married again. Was that a message from her Psychic Friends Network?

**A Sure Thing:** To further speak of Al B. Sure, belated congratulations should go to him and his new wife, Jackie. The couple married late last year. When "The Scoop" ran into Al and his wife recently, they looked very happily-ever-after. Al. He told "The Scoop," "Tell all your readers to look for my new album sometime in June, on my new label, Absolute Records." The new Mrs. Sure is a beautiful petite young lady who works in the fashion industry. You should take a look at the size of the diamond in her wedding ring. The rock is at least 3-4 carats! That's for sure!

**Still Acting Up:** Remember Antonio Fargas? He's probably best known for his role as "Huggy Bear," in the TV hit series "The Love Boat" and "Hutch." Or, some remember him as the "Huggie" who walks around with platform goldfish shoes in the comedy movie, "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka." Fargas is quite an accomplished actor far beyond those two roles. He recently starred as "The Great Liberator" in the historical drama play Toussaint: Angel Warrior of Haiti, by Jamaican playwright Audley Haffenreffer. The performance took place in Dallas, Texas, during Black History Month. Fargas simply "wowed" the audience.

**A Peabo Show:** Look for superstar crooner Peabo Bryson to head-

line a major benefit event for AIDS awareness later this year. The Scoop will be there to keep you informed.

**Designer Olympics?** Quadruple security and police are all over Littlehammar, Norway, for the Winter Olympics. But there certainly won't be any fashion police! The spectators are even fashionably correct. The audience, fans and volunteers received 47,500 white overcoats to wear, so that they could blend in with the snow white Olympic landscape.

## Rock Rap and Roll

MONTCLAIR—Storyteller, singer and composer Charlotte Blake Alston and her accompanist, Bill Jolly of the Grover Washington Band, will give a live performance of original stories and songs in *Rock Rap and Roll*, on Saturday, March 12 at Montclair Kimberly Academy. Performances are at 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. On Sunday, March 20, the performance will be repeated at the Burgdorff Center, in Maplewood. Tickets for all shows are \$6, for general audience and \$5.50 for Arts Council and Burgdorff Center members. Discount is available for groups of 10 or more. For further information call 201-744-1717.

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## CITY NEWS

Sydne Mahone makes literary debut at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—Sydne Mahone, director of play development at Crossroads Theatre Company will make her literary debut this month with the publication of a groundbreaking anthology of contemporary plays by the most significant and innovative African-American women for theater today.

Mojo Mahone Touched by Sun, published by Theater Communications Group and edited by Ms. Mahone, will be introduced to the public at a reading and book signing at Crossroads on Friday, February 25, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Anthology celebrates the distinct and spirited voices of African American women who are redefining and revitalizing modern theater. Characterized by what Ms. Mahone calls "Stylistic boldness," they use the medium of theater to investigate and comment on political and social issues that affect African-American women.

Stylistically and thematically diverse, the works investigate political and social issues such as the Crown Heights riots, the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill hearings, the life of women in prison and the legacy of lynchings, as well as intensely personal experiences.

EDISON—Jazz vocalist Jeanie Bryson will perform a concert at the Edison Community Library on Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m. at Park Ave. For more info, call 908-757-1111 Thursday, 24.

EDISON—Middlesex County College, Jazz concert, Kent Marks, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the College Center.

NEWARK—The UMDNJ-School of Nursing Related Program will honor university and civic leaders in an awards ceremony to be held from noon to 12 p.m. in the Mantland Building, Open to the Public.

## Black History Calendar

NOV THRU FEBRUARY 28

Warren Brothers presents *A Tribute To Alex Haley*. A one-hour world premiere television special. Check local listings.

JERSEY CITY—Exhibit of pictures and documents provided by the Jersey City African American Society Museum. Also on display by a group of local African American Artists of "The Rose Creations Gallery of Jersey City." See original paintings, prints and art by Zambian school children. For more information call (201) 547-5611

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

EDISON—Kente Cloth Exhibit," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; lecture, 2 to 3 p.m.; College Center, Middlesex County College.

PLAINFIELD—Jazz vocalist Jeanie Bryson will perform a concert at the Plainfield Public Library on Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m. The library is located on 8th St. at Park Ave. For more info, call 908-757-1111 Thursday, 24.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25-27

NEWARK—Vocalist Bobby Short and NJ Symphony Orchestra in a "Symphony Concert Series" at the State Theatre, Newark. Brunswick 8p.m., Feb. 25, War Memorial; Trenton, 8p.m., Feb. 26, Newark Symphony Hall; 3p.m., Feb. 27. Forticket info call NJSO ticket offices att-800-AL-LEGO or 201-624-8223.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

LINCROFT—"Your Day, Building Self Esteem Through the Arts," with the Freedom Theater of Philadelphia presenting "Travelling Black History Show," from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. At 7 p.m. "Step Show," and party with guest

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEWARK—The movie "Malcolm X," starring Denzel Washington, will be shown at 1 p.m. at the UMDNJ-Community Mental Health Center, Extended Care Room C1. Open to the public.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Public Library invites the public to celebrate African American History Month by attending a free jazz concert featuring The Charlie Moser Group and an open poetry reading, hosted by Newark poet, Vicki L. Johnson, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mildred H. Hunke Auditorium at the Five Corners Branch Library, 578 Newark Ave.

LAWRENCEVILLE—Interpretation of Black Literature lecture in the Student Center, Room 237 at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Kenny G. Evans O. Evans will present a financial planning workshop based on the book "You're Not Rich, You're Not Worth Much: Basic Principles to Increase Anyone's Net Worth." The program starts at 5 p.m. and will cover savings, insurance, stocks, etc. Contact Monique Fleming Berg at 609-275-1078.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Remember, it takes more than a month to learn about black history. Keep learning.

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Randall Robinson  
leads TransAfrica, the 15-year-old lobbying organization dedicated to the needs of African and Caribbean countries. By moving African and Caribbean human

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# CITY BUSINESS

## Business Calendar

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Sheraton Inn Newark Airport (rte 1 & North) 5:30-1 p.m. \$10 fee, \$7 before 8 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEW YORK CITY—Magazine Accounting and Financial Management. Seminar to bring you understanding of magazine finance. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at MPA Headquarters, 919 3rd Avenue 22nd Fl. (between 59th and 60th Streets). Call 212-872-5767.

MONDAYS THRU FEBRUARY 28

PARAMUS—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its annual Entrepreneurial Entrepreneurial training program. *Are You an Entrepreneur? And Start Right! Build Right!* From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for further information call 201-222-0173.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

PENNSAUKEN—Former Annual South Jersey Business Trip Fair sponsored by the South Jersey Entrepreneurs Network. Call (609) 664-9877 for time and location.

MARCH 5 - MAY 14

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a six session Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Review. This course is designed to help test takers prepare for the LSAT. Classes meet on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Tuition is \$135.00. To register call 201-200-3069.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

SOUTH ORANGE—Career Night. Workforce 2000, Seton Hall University and Career Network will be to inform students of the new challenges and opportunities they can expect to encounter in the workplace. Call 201-761-9355 for more information.

TUESDAYS THRU MARCH 22

MONTCLAIR—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its winter session EXCELLENCE in Management Program. *Are You an Entrepreneur? And Start Right! Build Right!* At the Montclair YWCA, from 6-9 p.m., for further information call 908-707-0173.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

NEW YORK—Doing Business With Minority Suppliers. Presented by Reginald Williams, President and CEO of the New York Minority Business Development Agency. 4-5 p.m. registration 3:30 p.m. To be held at Nymer Corp., 1065 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Fl (42nd St. & 60th Ave.) New York, NY. Registration deadline: March 18th, 1994. For more info call 404-691-3633.

## AT&T to phase out jobs in long distance units

BASKING RIDGE—AT&T officials recently announced plans to phase out 14,000 to 15,000 jobs in its communications units over the next two years to streamline operations and reduce its costs in the highly competitive long distance business. About 5,000 of those jobs will be phased out will be in New Jersey.

When completed, the phase out is expected to save the company at least \$300 million a year as new technology is deployed and management layers are reduced. Service to customers will not be affected by the reductions, AT&T said. More than half of the job cuts will be in management. Affected employees will be offered a variety of payments if they leave the company, including up to 104 weeks' wages for non management workers and up to 42 weeks' salary for managers.

The reductions will come in the company's Communications Services Group, which has 95,500 people and provides global long distance services to businesses and consumers.

Consumer Communications Services. As part of this action, the unit will consolidate certain sales and service operations that will result in the closing of centers in Providence, R.I., Charlotte, N.C., Wyo., Bloomington, Minn., Cheyenne, Wyo., Itasca, Ill., Pleasanton, Calif., and St. Louis, Mo.

The Business Communications Services unit will phase out about 6,000 jobs.

Overall, about 8,000 management jobs will be affected, including headquarters staff and administrative support functions, while the rest will be non management positions in operations and clerical areas.

The company said it will begin notifying work groups affected by the reductions by the end of the month, and will begin notifying individual employees by the end of March.

As with previous job reductions, AT&T will provide a variety of assis-

such as lease, purchase and operating costs for company vanspools or shuttles, contracts with outside operators of buses, bike racks, transit signs, and shelters and parking management. Lease, purchase and maintenance costs for computers, fax machines and telephones provided to employees to enable them to work from home would be eligible. Buying or carpooling vehicles to run an alternative fuel would be another eligible cost.

Financial incentives, such as providing free or discounted transit passes, gas or parking subsidies for carpools, vanpool startup costs and empty seat subsidies. Cash in-kind gifts given as incentives to employees to take part in the ETR program would qualify.

Marketing costs for creating and printing brochures, posters and other communications materials to inform and encourage employees to take part in the ETR program.

Training costs for employees to cover salaries and benefit costs for staff or contracted agencies who manage an employer's ETR program.

Other services, such as providing a guaranteed ride home for car-

poolers or van-poolers who must work late or leave early to deal with emergencies, or the cost of providing ride matching services.

The credit would apply to the employer's Corporation Business Tax, Financial Business Tax or other applicable business tax. Employees, meanwhile, will be entitled to claim ETR subsidies as tax-free benefits on their personal income tax.

A model wide survey of alternate transportation programs found that employers offer subsidies ranging from \$100 to \$600 per employee with the average about \$200. In Southern California, which has an ETR program, about 63 percent of the affected employers offer incentives that average \$300. The tax credits are expected to cost the state about \$7 million a year in revenue. However, failure to comply with the Clean Air Act could cost the state at least a quarter-billion dollars a year in federal highway aid.

The federal ETR mandate applies to areas which experience severe air quality problems. Atlantic, Cape May and Warren counties, which have less severe problems, are exempt.

## Regional Alliance kicks-off Spring

### '94 managing growth classes

NEWARK—The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors is joining forces with PSEG to honor past participants and instructors of Managing Growth Classes to kick off registration for the spring semester. Managing Growth is a series of business and construction management courses designed for experienced small, minority and women-owned contractors. Developed and taught by the country's leading construction managers, the classes help small firms compete successfully for contract and maintain their businesses effectively. For further information please call 212-435-4500.

Facilities and vehicle costs,

range from job counseling to retraining, in an effort to find jobs for people either within AT&T or at other companies. Two resource centers, one in Murray Hill and another to be established in the next several weeks, will provide these services to

all affected New Jersey employees. In some areas of the country, AT&T will also run ads to help place employees, using job hotlines and a computerized system to match skills with opportunities.

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MARCH 14-18, 1994

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This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sponsored workshop is designed for individuals new to radon measurement and will be divided into two (2) days of classroom theory and two (2) days of hands on experience. All EPA's Radon Measurement Proficiency Examination will be held on the morning of March 18, 1994. All who pass the exam will be kept on special EPA list of "Proficient Radon Measurement Operators".

**INTENSIVE 5-DAY PROGRAM FEATURES:** • Radon Basics and Health Effects • EPA's Radon Measurement Proficiency Exam • How to Market Your Radon Measurement Business • Radon Measurement Proficiency Exam on fifth and final day.

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**REGISTER:** Complete and return the form to NAMC with \$100.00 refundable payment. Checks should be made payable to the National Association of Minority Contractors. Registration fee will be refunded with successful workshop completion. If a last minute emergency prevents you from attending, NAMC will allow you to substitute your enrollment to anyone you designate. However we will not allow you to attend another course, in lieu of your cancellation, and receive a refund. Send to: Elle Anderson, NAMC, 1533 N St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004, 202-347-8595, Fax 202-629-1876.

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## Indexing our tax brackets

by Anna D. Banks

What does it mean to "index" the tax bracket and why is it important to taxpayers?

Tax bracket indexing is a way to help normalize the effect of inflation on the personal income tax brackets. If your wages are increased this year by exactly the amount of inflation, it is desirable to have the same after-tax buying power as you had last year. The indexing brackets attempts to do this.

For example, in 1993 the 28 percent tax bracket for married filers was applied to taxable income of \$36,901 from \$39,150. For 1994 the 28 percent bracket will be inflation adjusted (indexed) to cover taxable income of \$38,000. The \$4,000 pay increase would be taxed at 36 percent. If indexing had applied, the 31 percent would have been expanded so that this couple would not have ended up in the 36 percent bracket. The additional Tax caused by the bracket creep is \$200 (\$4,000 x 5 percent).

Keep in mind that when your additional income goes into a higher tax bracket, all of your income is not subject to that higher percentage. In our example, only the \$4,000 increase for this married couple is taxed at the 36 percent bracket.

Under the new tax law, as was true under the old, the tax bracket thresholds will be indexed each year for inflation. However, the indexing of the thresholds for the new 36 percent and 39.6 percent brackets

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, New Jersey intends to procure the following described services:

Fiscal auditing services with regard to the Authority's accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993.

Proposal requirements, criteria for award of contract, additional information regarding scope of services and submission of proposals may be obtained by contacting the Housing Authority's Administrator, Garfield Court, P.O. Box 336, Long Branch, N.J. 07740, by telephone (908) 222-3747, fax (908) 222-3748, or telecopier (908) 222-3745, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. Monday thru Friday. The deadline date for submission of proposal is March 18, 1994. All proposals must be received by 12 P.M. of the aforesaid deadline date.

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DAVID A. BROWN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for Corrective Work at Chestnut Gardens NJ 13-10. The Bid Opening will be held at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Wednesday, March 15, 1994 at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. A non-refundable charge of \$75.00 (in check form) will be required to obtain plans and specifications.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any infirmities in bidding. Bids will be awarded only to the corporation or other entity under whose name qualifications, pre-qualification (where provided for by the Authority and applicable) and/or bonding documents are submitted. All corporate, subsidiary, or parent corporation or related entities are not automatically qualified. Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin.

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An appropriate surety's consent by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey and on the approved list binding itself to become surety for the full and faithful performance of the contract in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid for the protection of all persons furnishing materials or services for fulfilling the contract as required in all contracts. A consent of surety must be submitted with either type of security (5% of bid amount) including a certified cashier's check and/or bid bond.

Bid bond, Consent of Surety, Performance and Payment Bonds must be obtained from Bond/Surety Companies listed on the Federal Register "Department of the Treasury" and the bid bond will be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds or Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) of the contract price. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of Withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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(908) 753-1036

The Housing Authority of the City of Plainfield is receiving proposals for Architectural/Engineering Services for its 1993 comprehensive Grant Program, a new heating system for Elmwood Gardens, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Interested Architectural and Engineering firms should obtain a copy of the specifications which include detailed project information and requirements at the Housing Authority's office located at 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A volume site inspection will be scheduled on Wednesday, February 23, 1994 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is Monday, February 28, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any infirmities in the proposals. No proposals shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of the proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority.

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. #975, Chapter 127-Affirmative Action P.L. 1977.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD RICHARD D. FOX

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The acceptance date for proposals for both Management/Improvement Plan and Resident Training has been extended to Tuesday, February 22, 1994.

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by Charles E. Belle

For everyone of them, there are at least 10 of us, and yet we welcome us with open arms. This is a country that wants the Winter Olympics. I mean this is a country that has a city named "Ski" and a street in that city called "Ski."

They claimed to have invented skiing, as well as the cheese. Santi Naples, Indiana, people of Norway, poor people to invent a "cradle," they said, which was called "kone," and later called skiing.

It seems that the country's fourth place finish in the Winter Olympics only increased its appetite for the XVII Olympic Winter Games here in Lillehammer. The U.S. finished only a few notches behind Norway in the total medal count and can be counted on this time to exceed its five gold medals. Competitively, give the nudge to Norway in any race. This is their home turf! After all, it is reported

# LETTER FROM LILLEHAMMER

that skiers once rescued their royal family, Kristian and Haakon, now mascots of the Games, before America was born. Both current heads of Norway's royal family, King Harald, who opened the Games with the sun and H.R.H. Queen Sonja, called the savior of the country's culture, have strongly supported these Games. Lillehammer is the only city in the world with a skier on its coat of arms. Yes, this is a special place for skiers and other winter sport enthusiasts, in spite of the daily 10 degrees below zero weather.

Bobsledding, being it or not, is one of the U.S.'s best events for a long-shot medal. We got a new sled and great teams. We have always won with new sleds in the past. True, it's been a long time since we won a gold medal in this winter sport that we used to dominate; but, a new race car and high tech sleds brighten our comeback.

Brian Shimer, on a Bo-Dyn sled,

is our USA team experienced four-man team driver, backed up by two "hot peppers."

People of African ancestry have been known more for popularity than for their competency in competition. The Rev. Dr. Rudy Jones' plan to bring true responsibility back to the sport for black athletes, R. and J. Jones, a 23-year-old brakeman from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a multi-sport individual, who "regretted at first" the "cold weather" sport. However, backed by his parents, Jones is the premier brakeman in the country.

The Randy Jones piloted USA Team also features two of the five African Americans in the sport. Jeff Woodward, side push, 28, a 230-pounder from upstate New York and Chris Coleman, a brakeman, who will celebrate his 26th birthday here in Lillehammer. Coleman, a talented and controversial sports marketer, was replaced by the Bobsled Federa-

tion with NFL's Herschel Walker in the last Olympics. This was done despite the fact that Coleman had a better time than Walker in the previous summer trials. A goal medal and some warm weather is what Coleman, a New Yorker, wants now.

A somber period was marked by His Excellency, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, when he called for a moment of

silence to stop the killing around the world. When we see in Atlanta, we shall know who in the world was listening when His Excellency said those words, way up North, as we partied on.

## Support the Black United Fund of New Jersey

There is still time to join the Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) 5th Black History Month Appeal with a direct request for support from all who understand that a key to real change within the black community is to "Strengthen the Black Family."

BUF/NJ is the leading black charitable organization in the state of New Jersey whose primary mission is to create and perpetuate self-help and empowerment within the black community by reinvestment of financial resources and volunteerism. BUF/NJ has been successful over the years identifying and developing the strengths of the black community and working effectively on quality of life issues.

You can support BUF/NJ's efforts throughout the state by making a tax deductible monetary contribution and/or volunteering. Checks should be made out to BUF/NJ and sent to: Suite 1419, Robert Treat Center, Newark, N.J. 07102. For more info, call 201-624-0909.

## Farrakhan addresses controversy

(Continued from page 1)

have him (Farrakhan) on his show. The same as Donnahan or any other white host should have the right to have me on their show," he said.

At the outset, Farrakhan gave special thanks to the Black media both for their challenging him on the "real truth about what is happening today." If it were not for the Black media, he said, recent events concerning him and the NOI would not have gotten any accurate coverage.

The minister charged the ADL with particularly fearing "the legitimization of Louis Farrakhan" among mainstream Black leadership.

A recent background report by the ADL's Civil Rights Division entitled "Mainstreaming Anti-Semitism: The Legitimation of Louis Farrakhan" stated that the Muslim minister "has recently attained a new level of acceptance in the Black community among mainstream Black organizations and leaders."

Commenting on the ADL, Farrakhan said, "They know the truth of what I say and they know the truth of what we are attempting to do to benefit our community, but their slandering and defamation of Louis Farrakhan is to create an image of me that would cause Black people not to listen to the truth that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said God revealed to him for the freedom, justice, and equality of our people."

He also spoke at length about an ADL meeting held last weekend in Madrid, Spain. Far, held to arrive at a strategy on how to deal with his "legitimation," according to an internal ADL document. "According to what I heard, Abraham Foxman (president of the ADL) said that they would work with the NOI on our positive programs in the Black community, but he (Foxman) would fight very

vigorously the 'anti-Semitism of the NOI,' " he said. Mr. Foxman has called me a master of double-speak, but I know that Mr. Foxman is not going to work with the NOI on our positive programs, cause right now the ADL in Chicago has sworn that they do everything that is within their power to stop the NOI," said Housing Authority and its giving of a contract to members of the NOI services for one of the worst crime-infested housing developments in the city of Chicago. And they are fighting at every turn the good things that we are doing with AIDS and the cleaning up our community," he said, noting that the NOI's health minister, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, for more than three years has been treating AIDS patients in the United States with a treatment discovered in the East Africa country of Kenya. He also accused the ADL of initiating a letter to the Chicago Housing Authority to discredit him and the Nation (NOI) are failing. He gave the example of the nearly 25,000 who came out to hear him speak recently at the Jacob Javits Center in New York and the 12,000 who came out to a men's only meeting in Harlem to discuss solutions for eliminating crime in the Black community.

Farrakhan feels the ADL's efforts to discredit him and the Nation (NOI) are failing. He gave the example of the nearly 25,000 who came out to hear him speak recently at the Jacob Javits Center in New York and the 12,000 who came out to a men's only meeting in Harlem to discuss solutions for eliminating crime in the Black community.

He said that the quotes are "absolutely authentic and this the Jews know, in fact in my talking to Jewish

they influence Black leaders and organizations, "but they have considerable influence over Black professionals... including doctors, teachers, lawyers... as well as Black entertainers and sports figures... as Black people (we) can't afford to be racist until we break this inordinate control over minds of our people who are the natural leaders of the masses. This must be broken and this control must be broken at all costs."

Farrakhan said the "covenant" with Black leaders and organizations, the NOI minister said, "the ADL exercised inordinate pressure on the Rev. Jackson, on the NAACP, on the CBC (Congressional Black Caucus) and other Black leaders to stand up and denounce Khalid (Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad) and, more important, denounce the NOI, to break the covenant that the CBC and the NAACP had with the NOI."

Farrakhan said that he was informed by the NAACP's executive director, Dr. Benjamin Chavis, said he would call for a summit of Black leaders and that he had recently done so. Along with the NAACP and the NOI, Farrakhan said Congressman Kweisi Mfume and some members of the CBC would participate in the summit as well as Joe Lowery of the SCLC.

The focus of the summit, Farrakhan said, would be to settle differences between Black leadership, and most importantly, to look at the overall condition of the community and the vision for "a world together gird through our organizations can do to help the Black community survive. Farrakhan said the NAACP has "affirmed" the covenant.

He added that Mfume has taken the brunt of the heat from the Black community for the CBC's breaking of the covenant. He said it was Mfume who "reached out to us (NOI) and even though many in the Caucus did not agree, they chose to 'keep their tongues until this inordinate amount of pressure was put on them and then some of them began to speak, notable Major Owens of New York and John Lewis of Atlanta."

Farrakhan said that Mfume was responsible for initiating the covenant between the CBC and the NOI, and he said, "the person behind (Mfume) was left out by members of the Caucus and I think that is unfair..."

He said that when the covenant was made approximately ten members of the Caucus were with Mfume and 30 members were not. "But out of his (Mfume's) love for—not only his constituency, but for Black people, he felt it absolutely necessary that we have a summit to discuss our problems and try to develop solutions to the many problems that face our community," said Farrakhan.

Questioned about the NOI's public health and social relationship between Blacks and Jews, Farrakhan said his research team uncovered the information in the book as a result of a controversy that Jews raised when he mentioned that they were involved in the African slave trade along with Africans, Arabs and white Christians.

"The book was done out of a desire to defend me, not for political purposes," Farrakhan said. The book is a compilation of quotes from various Jewish scholars, Rabbis and historians, Farrakhan said.

"Each quote is documented and footnoted so that any person that reads the quote can go to the exact page and book where it is taken from and read the entire context of each quote."

He stressed that the quotes are "absolutely authentic and this the Jews know, in fact in my talking to Jewish

Rabbis they asked me if I would denounce the book as a calamity against the Jewish people and I told them if the book was false I would denounce it because I want nothing of falsehood attached to my name."

He continued, "I said I would denounce the book, but I would not denounce it if you all would denounce every scholar that we quoted as a liar. And since they have not done that, I would not denounce the book."

Farrakhan said one purpose of the book is to justify reparations being paid to Black Americans for slavery and segregation. Farrakhan says the book serves in showing Jewish involvement in the slave trade and to

highlight the exact role that members of the Jewish community played in the destruction of Black people.

"If you notice all Jews have a record of everything that was done to them by the Gentile nations. Why do they keep a record? They kept a record so that when they were in the position they could document all of the evils of the Gentile nations, particularly in the era of the second World War to call for reparations from the German government and people which the Jews are receiving to this day," Farrakhan said.

Farrakhan says that Jews are a part of "our plan, along with our African brothers, Arabs, white Chris-

tians, the United States government and everyone that had a role in the destruction of the Blacks of the Western hemisphere. Everyone has to have a role in paying reparations to the sons and daughters of those destroyed members of the African family."

Responding to charges that he had been sexist and misogynistic, Farrakhan, who has been married 40 years and has nine children by his wife Khadijah, said such charges aren't worth dignifying with a response.

"Our history has never been one of discrimination against women, but the problem in the Black community is Black men killing, maiming and brutalizing

Black men, women and children. It is imperative since we have a men's class in the Nation that trains men and teaches men and civilizes men that we extend this teaching and training to the Black men of the Black community."

"And, so this of course frightens our enemies and their fighting against us with everything they have including the law."

Respecting to incessant media claims that the NOI's divisive work is grounded in hate and anti-Semitism, Farrakhan said, "This is totally from a white perspective and particularly the ADL perspective. We have never been anti-Semitic."

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